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## School Places First in City DECA Contest

By Janet Yellen

Fort Hamilton has achieved first place in the Distributive Education Clubs of America contest for the third year in a row. Co-sponsored by the New York Mirror Youth Program and the Board of Education, the event was held at the Baruch School of City College and at Pace College last June.

### 30 Schools Participate

Over 750 commercial students from 30 city high schools participated in the competition, which covered twelve fields of business education. Mr. Alfred Berkowitz, merchandising and sales teacher, and adviser of the G.O. store, supervised the 25 students who represented the school. The judges, selected by the New York Sales Executives' Club and the Retailers' Advisory Council of the City College, are members of the city's leading business firms.

### 8 Receive Awards

Fort Hamilton received eight awards for its outstanding entries. First place honors went to Helga Jaekel for Merchandise Information and to Paul Paolicelli for Merchandise Display. Other winners were:

Second place: Ellen McAndrews—Personnel Interview; June Gaudio—Public Speaking; Jean Ericson—Merchandise Information.

Third place: Carol Hill—Radio Commercial Script Writing and Delivery; Paul Paolicelli—Sales Dem.

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## Artists to Paint Town for Prizes

The 1961 Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest, sponsored by the Bay Ridge Community Council in cooperation with the 86th Street Board of Trade, will be held next Wednesday, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M., between 85th and 87th Streets and Fourth Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway.

Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department, will direct the contest.

High School participants will be divided into two groups: Ninth and Tenth year for those taking required art, and Senior High School for those enrolled in elective art courses.

Five of the windows painted by students in the elective art courses will be awarded prizes. Three windows painted by students in required art classes will receive awards.

Prizes will consist of Bay Ridge Community Council Medals for all students working on prize windows, and cash for the designers.

## G.O. Council and Reps



Top: Mr. Joseph Kottmann, adviser; Louis Di Mauro, president; Judy Solomon, vice-president; Michael Kerrigone, treasurer; Kathy Gilje, secretary; Mr. Eugene Sterne, adviser.

Bottom: Kathy Tregde, senior rep; Lorraine Magrino, junior rep; Ellen Harswick, sophomore rep; Jacqueline Knowles, freshman rep.

## Louis Di Mauro Assumes Duties of G.O. President

By Julie Cohn

Hamiltonites—meet your G.O. President: Louis Di Mauro, 4A1; active, athletic, accomplished—a true triple-A student.

As G.O. president, Lou presides over all Council and Congress meetings and officiates at G.O. functions. With Mr. Joseph Kottmann and Mr. Eugene Sterne, faculty advisers, and the G.O. officers, he prepares the school budget and organizes student activities.

This versatile senior is a member of Arista, the track team, and the Chemistry Squad. He demonstrated his value to the track team by earning a major letter for shot-putting. A former Boy Scout and a current member of the PAL baseball team, Lou is proficient in almost any sport he decides to tackle.

### Prefers Math and Science

As for academic subjects, Lou exhibits a strong preference for math and science and intends to utilize his scientific aptitude by preparing to become a doctor. After graduation next June, he hopes to attend Colgate University (Hamilton, N. Y.), then complete his medical studies at Loyola (Chicago).

This past summer Lou spent one week at Empire Boys State at Colgate University—an organization sponsored by the American Legion to

help teach Americanism to future leaders. As part of his duties, he acted as a city clerk and sat in on a city meeting.

He worked in the mailing room of *Readers Digest* the rest of the summer.

School politics seems to be part of Lou's family tradition, for his brother, Dom Di Mauro, served as G.O. vice-president in 1959.

"I sincerely thank all those who voted for me and made this honor possible," said the president. "I hope that I may prove worthy of their confidence."

His alert eyes roved and took in the entire room. "Who's that girl over there?"

## 300 Seniors Take Scholarship Exam

Approximately 300 seniors competed for honors in the New York State Regents Scholarship Examination administered here two weeks ago.

The test ran from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. For the first time, all students were urged to take it, not merely the top ones. Furthermore, a new scholarship program was added to help defray the tuition at a New York State college.

"Because of these new features, more than twice the number of students entered. We expect numerous awards to go to worthy students," said Mrs. Mary Catania, College Coordinator.

## Cafeteria Service Needed for Arista

All students who plan to apply for Arista membership next year must serve in the cafeteria for at least two terms as an eligibility requirement, according to Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista Adviser.

Service beginning in October, 1961, will be accepted. Interested students must ask the teacher in charge of the cafeteria for an assignment.

This year's Arista installation will take place at the assembly Wednesday, November 29.

## 100 Students Achieve Place on Honor Roll

One hundred students achieved placement on the honor roll last June by getting at least a 90% average.

The highest position, 96.75, was attained by sophomore Janet Yellen. Next in line among the sophomores were Louis Spaventa, 94.8, and Nicholas Limer, 94.6.

The top three graduates of the class of '61 were Margaret Ekstrom, 95.8; Emily Paradise, 95; and Mildred Thomas, 95. Margaret and Mildred were valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

## Curtaintimers To Put on Skit

The Curtaintimers, school dramatic society, will present *The Happy Journey to Camden and Trenton*, a one-act play by Thornton Wilder, at the English Department assemblies October 25, November 1, 15, and 22.

This comedy resembles the author's *Our Town* in that it has a stage manager and no scenery. It concerns a visit the Kirby family makes to see the Kirbys' married daughter. All the action takes place on the automobile trip, which will be acted in pantomime.

Members of the cast will be Jocelyn Franz (Ma Kirby), Paul Brownlee (Stage Manager), Alan Dundersen (Arthur), Jill McNulty (Caroline), Charles Scheffold (Pa Kirby), and Janette Gautier (Beulah).

The Curtaintimers are under the direction of speech teacher Miss Peggy Moran, who is also an accomplished actress, having appeared in off-Broadway and Equity productions.

## '57 Alumna Earns Honors at L.I.U.

Helen Pape, an alumna of the class of '57, has won the Abraham & Straus Award in Textiles, the Wall Street Journal Award, and the New York Charter of the American Statistical Association Award for Excellence in Statistics.

Helen, an outstanding student in Long Island University's College of Business Administration, graduated *magna cum laude* (second highest honors) in June 1961.

She was inducted into the College of Business Administration Honor Society, a great honor because only 4% of the graduating class was eligible to join.

Last June Helen won an Alumni Association Award. She is now Secretary and Assistant to the vice-president of Long Island University.

## Open School Set For Nov. 13, 20

Fort Hamilton's doors will be opened to the parents Monday, November 13, from 6:30 to 9 P.M., and Monday, November 20, from 1 to 3 P.M.

These hours are set aside every year by the Board of Education to provide an opportunity for parents to discuss with teachers matters relating to the welfare of the students.

In the past, thousands of parents have welcomed this opportunity to learn more about their children and about Fort Hamilton. This year's turnout is expected to be even larger than last year's.

Leading the junior class were Laraine Genovese, 96.25; Susan Hirsch, 96; and Vicki Halper, 95.8. Leading the freshmen: Eileen Gallagher, 96; Alan Feller, 93.8; and Nancy Bengtson and Jo Anne Russo, 93 each.

The honor roll for September 1960—June 1961 follows:

### Fourth Year

Margaret Ekstrom, 95.8; Emily Paradise, 95; Mildred Thomas, 95; William Huntington, 93.83; Susan Blader, 93.8; Rosalie Corlito, 93.8; Edith Tadross, 93.75; Thecla Psaltes, 93.6; Barbara Hartill, 93.4; Ellen Weber, 93.4; Jerry Goldman, 93.2; Agnes Quinn, 93.

Stephen Kaufman, 92.6; Francis Masci, 92.5; Martha Tunick, 92.25; Florence Khoury, 92.2; Joel Meyers, 92.2; Mary Batemarco, 92; Joan Parisi, 92.

Steven Shama, 91.67; Seth Charney, 91.6; Kenneth Borg, 91.6; Bruce Reinertsen, 90.6; James Thompson, 90.4; Nancy Seagren, 90.

### Third Year

Laraine Genovese, 96.25; Susan Hirsch, 96; Vicki Halper, 95.8; Bonnie Marks, 95.4; Tina Urowsky, 95; Donald Pfister, 94.8; Margit Maakestad, 94.25; Victoria Defina, 93.25; Margaret Burfeind, 93; Arlene Tuccillo, 93.

Susan Dunn, 92.6; Jane Appel, 92.4; Janette Gautier, 92.4; Alice Nelson, 92.4; Robert Weissfield, 92.4; Lucille Clementi, 91.6; Phyllis Lampitelli, 91.5; Jean Ericson, 91.25; Charlotte Krasman, 91.2; Marilyn Zolotor, 91.2; Carol Chiano, 91; Harvey Karlsen, 91.

Thomas Massimino, 91; Rose Pagliaro, 91; Robert Roda, 91; Iris Orenstein, 90.8; Ann Marie Abrahamsen, 90.6; Christine Kunmann, 90.5; Gayle Johnson, 90; Carol Mendizza, 90.

### Second Year

Janet Yellen, 96.75; Louis Spaventa, 94.8; Nicholas Limer, 94.6; Noel Salem, 94.5; Julie Cohn, 94.25; Susan Stover, 94.25; Lois Leewe, 94.2; Ellen Wynn, 94.2; Florence Capaldo, 93.75.

Joan Garner, 93.5; Mary-Ann Pinto, 93.5; Robert Levine, 93.5; Jacqueline Jasous, 93.5; Mary Azzara, 93.4; Richard Brown, 93.25; Charles Say-

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## Quick Calendar

Nov. 7	Election Day (no school)
Nov. 10	End of first quarter
Nov. 13	Open School Night
Nov. 17	<i>Pilot</i> published
Nov. 20	Open School Day
Nov. 23, 24	Thanksgiving holidays
Nov. 29	Arista Installation
Dec. 14	<i>Pilot</i> published
Dec. 25	Christmas holidays
Jan. 1 incl.	
Jan. 18	<i>Pilot</i> published (20th anniversary issue)
Jan. 31	First half of year ends

## Bell Schedule

### REGULAR

Period	Begins	Ends
Off. Class	8:45	8:59
1	9:03	9:43
2	9:47	10:27
3L	10:31	11:11
4L	11:15	11:55
5L	11:59	12:39
6L	12:43	1:23
7	1:27	2:07
Off. Class	2:11	2:16
8	2:20	3:00

### ASSEMBLY

Period	Begins	Ends
Off. Class	8:45	8:55
Assembly	9:00	9:40
1	9:44	10:19
2	10:23	10:58
3L	11:02	11:37
4L	11:41	12:16
5L	12:20	12:55
6L	12:59	1:34
7	1:38	2:13
Off. Class	2:17	2:22
8	2:26	3:00

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## The Editors Say...

### Go G.O.!

Basketball team disbanded!!... G.O. store liquidated!!... *Pilot* discontinued!! What a state our school would be in if there were no G.O. to support its varied activities.

Of the many groups that clamor for your attention at the beginning of a school year, the General Organization is undoubtedly the most worthy of your support. It finances the teams that bring pleasure to you and your alma mater. It sponsors all school activities. It secures discounts for you at your G.O. store and at many amusement centers and neighborhood shops.

The dollar you spend for membership in the G.O. is returned to you tenfold. Support this organization because it supports you!

### A Little Extra Pressure

A list of those students who earned a place on last June's honor roll appears on page 1.

The editors of this paper offer their congratulations to those whose names are on this list. Now that the first quarter is nearing its end, we are well into a new school year and a fresh start.

We would like to urge those honor roll undergraduates to continue their fine work. May we suggest, meanwhile, that those who did not quite make it, aim a little higher, work a little harder, and perhaps be able to make it next June?

That little extra pressure may just do it!

### To the Parents

Parents, take advantage of Fort Hamilton's open school sessions Monday, November 13, from 6:30 to 9 P.M., and Monday, November 20, from 1 to 3 P.M.

Why delay until it's too late? Problems need not wait until they are on the records to be discussed. An opportunity at the start of the school year to iron out difficulties may avoid many hardships (and heartaches) later in the term.

Take this early opportunity to find out about your child and his school life. Don't take a passive attitude. An informed parent can be the greatest help to a student during his educational career.

## Jetsam

By Daniel Cooper

Since it is the time of year when the English Department has trouble getting our English scholars to write well, I thought it would help if this column were devoted to reprinting that famous publication

#### Symbols for Correction of Compositions

1. Circled word—Spelling error
2. Ab—Don't abbreviate
3. Cap—Capitalization Incorrect. or oMiTTed.
4. Cl—Cloudy and cooler, with a chance of rain in mid-afternoon.
5. K—Klumsy in expression.
6. MM—Misplaced modifier or dangling participle. (Wrong: Falling out of a window, I saw a body. Right: I saw a body falling out of a window.)
7. P—"Punctuation; incorrect"—... or omitted ?/!\*
8. Rep—That is that that happens when you use that word over and over and over again.
9. Rew—Write over again. And again. And again and again and again. Oh, my aching hand!
10. RS—Run-on sentence, consisting of two or more sentences run together, which should be avoided, and it is a very common error, so don't make it.
11. SF—Sentence fragment. (Lacking. A principal. Subject or. A verb, or. Both.)
12. Syl—Sylvia Veeblefelter's nickname.
13. WW—MM upside-down
14. ?—????????????
15. → Indent
16. ¶—Start a new paragraph, Here.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS: Please keep in mind that all corrected compositions must be kept in your notebook until the end of the term. Anyone now interested in finding out which classes Mr. Carlin will check this year, should send a postcard to: Sylvia Veeblefelter's Answer Box New York 46, New York

## Gifted Teacher Enjoys His Fine Arts Activities

By Lucille Clementi

Teachers live such full lives. No matter how much work confronts them, they always seem eager to participate in an extra-curricular activity!

As a case in point, let us take Mr. Carl Makower, a member of the Art Department, and a former student at City College, Brooklyn College, and Pratt Institute.

Mr. Makower is now taking a course in ceramics at the Brooklyn Museum Art School. In addition to his interest in ceramics, he enjoys his status as a part-



#### Likes Reading, Music, Plays

Mr. Makower is fond of reading. Among his favorite authors is Nikos Kazantzakis, a Greek contemporary writer. In music, he favors the melodies of Kurt Weill and Stravinsky; in drama, the off-Broadway productions.

Travel intrigues him and Mr. Makower has begun to plan for a trip to Europe. In recent years he vacationed in Pennsylvania and, on weekends, made local camping excursions with his family.

#### Arts and Crafts Counselor

This past summer Mr. Makower worked as an arts and crafts teacher at a camp for needy children and found this work rewarding and absorbing.

"A good teacher familiar with his material is a must in promoting student interest in a subject," he said. "However, the parent is the first teacher and should encourage the child at home." Mr. Makower feels that this advice is particularly applicable in the field of art.

Even though he finds the response to art generally favorable at Fort Hamilton, Mr. Makower thinks that more students should inform the art teachers of their special interests and talents. Thus a wider variety of activities may be planned.

### Quotes

It wasn't until late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say, "I don't know."

—William S. Maugham

It is easier to praise people than to imitate them.

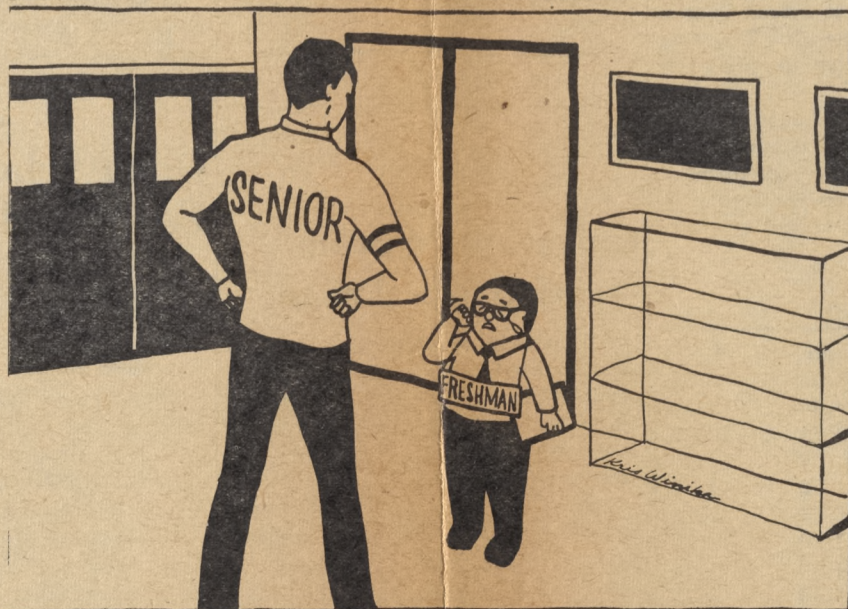
—Anatole France

America was really discovered by a dozen people before Columbus, but it was always successfully hushed up.

—Oscar Wilde

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it.

—Christopher Morley



"I'm Lost . . ."

## Round About

By Jane Appel

Question: In your opinion, has the American teenager been softened by easy living?

Janette Gautier, 4A7:

Yes. All the modern conveniences have made life much easier and youth much softer. There is no longer the need of doing without things. Teenagers expect more of other people but exert little effort in doing things for themselves.

Daniel Chernofsky, 3B8:

No. Teenagers are not really soft. Many work hard and hold down good jobs. It is only a small minority who have easy money and lots of it. For the most part, teenagers appreciate their good fortune and work hard to achieve goals in school or on the job.

Toni Sanders, 2C23:

Yes. Modern changes in our lives are responsible for this. We can look forward to an even easier way of life, and this will make the teenager even more irresponsible and more careless.

Charlotte Krasman, 4A9:

No. The American teenager is not soft. He is capable of forming his own opinions. He has backbone and doesn't conform to others. He is a self-reliant, efficient, and independent individual and compares favorably with his counterpart the world over.

Susan Stover, 3B16:

Yes. There is more money for the teenager to spend. Parents have more and are generally more generous with allowances. Jobs are easier to acquire and people are better paid. Teenagers are less dependable and feel less responsibility than they should.

Christine Bove, 4A7:

Yes. Things that were once considered luxuries are now looked on as necessities. We are so used to having things made easy for us that we no longer feel compelled to try hard to achieve through our own efforts.

### October Notes

180 years ago today, the British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia.

United Nations Day will be celebrated on October 24 to commemorate the adoption of the U.N. charter, in 1945.

On the 29th of this month Daylight Saving Time ends and clocks are set back one hour.

## Flotsam

By Susan Hirsch

As we all know, activity doesn't stop at 3 o'clock in our school. For at that time our clubs and teams begin their meetings. These activities can still use new members. Below is a list of clubs and teams, one of which might be right for you.

1. Tiddlywinks Team—has already won a smashing victory over Kindergarden 2 of P.S. 1032. It will try again this year for the city-wide title of Top Tiddlywinkers which it lost in 1960.

2. Beatz Club—meets during the time of the full moon every month to discuss the famous artist, Alfred Beatz, and his followers, whose school of surrealist, abstract, cubist impressionism has become so influential in art circles.

#### Free Congo Trip

3. Blow Dart Team—revives that ancient pygmy practice of shooting poison blow darts. The target is the Teacher of the Week and the team meets any time a member encounters the target. The first one to score a direct hit gets a free trip to the Congo.

4. Dionaea Muscipula Club—studies the care and feeding of that well-known plant, the Venus-flytrap. The student who grows the largest plant will get a contract to star his plant in a science fiction thriller.

#### Be the Life of the Party

5. Buryat Club—studies the literature of this famous language which is spoken all over Buryat-Mongolia, in the heart of Siberia. This club is designed for those who want a new subject to talk about at parties.

An exchange student plan is also being worked out so that the lucky members can visit and study in this exotic land.

If you would like any more information about these clubs, write to the author of this column. We're sure that this year these clubs, which have been rather neglected in the past, will become even more so.

Every year when you come to school you can be sure of one thing. At least one of your teachers will have you write or tell what you did during the summer. Here are excerpts from compositions of some of the things boys did this summer:

"I've always been interested in science, but for a long time I wasn't allowed to. But this summer I didn't care and I went back to my chemistry and physics to further human development."—Nikky K.

"Building has always fascinated me, so this summer I learned the construction business. I built a wall around our house to keep strangers out."—Walter U.

"I have been trying to earn something very dear to me and now the chances of my getting it are better. I want a three-horse team to pull my sleigh."—Andy G.

### Horrorscope Extra

For those born under the sign of Gemini or Cancer (or any other sign), the outlook for the week is unfavorable for business transactions, unless they are transacted with one born during a full moon, in which case they might be favorable or unfavorable, according to whether the Big and Little Dippers become congruent.



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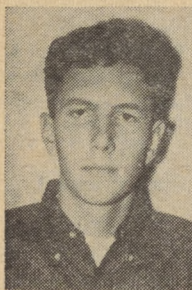


By Lloyd Sara

Without doubt, last year was the most victorious one Fort Hamilton had in the field of sports. Our fine varsity teams triumphed gloriously in the PSAL championships and the Brooklyn playoffs.

#### 2 Take Division Titles

The baseball and golf teams both won division championships, the basketball and soccer teams came within inches of taking individual contests, and the tennis team lost several close matches. The nine, coached by Mr. Francis



Ptak, won nine out of ten games and went on to the Brooklyn playoffs. The boys reached the semi-finals but couldn't quite make it.

The golf team, after winning the borough championship, entered the city-wide playoffs where they beat Franklin K. Lane in the semi-finals, but lost in the finals to Curtis. Jay Hartig, John Maranjios, Arnold Hansen, and Al "Porky" Balukas are all back from last year's team. With another season of experience behind them, they should be better than ever.

#### Booters in No. 2 Place

The soccer team wound up last season with a Number 2 rank. Capt. Arnold Janssen and his teammates comprised one of the best soccer teams in Blue and White history.

They lost two heart-breakers when a few of the boys injured themselves. However, seven of last year's starting players have graduated, which means closer team play and longer practice for this year's booters.

#### Track Team Excels

The track team, under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Kottmann, had an inspiring outdoor season. In the April Iona relays, Richard Gordon, Joe Juliano and Ross Freitas took first place, winning gold medals and a trophy. Captain Ken Borg high jumped 6 feet 3 inches, setting a new record. John Moore brought honors to the school in the pole vault contest.

Our handball team took six out of eight matches. Coach Richard Cohen said, "It was the best team in twenty years."

#### Keglers in Brooklyn Finals

The bowling team, under Mr. Harry Flaster, went on to win its PSAL

## Quintet Hopes For Good Year

Having already started practice, the Blue and White basketball team is preparing for another fine season.

Under Mr. Kenneth Kern's coaching, nine seniors and eleven juniors are making bids for varsity positions. Since only fifteen boys may hold a varsity berth, the competition is keen.

The bid for center is especially hot because Leon Ayoub, reputed to be starting center, will be out of action for about two months because of a leg injury.

Mr. Kern would like to see a strong increase in school spirit. "Last year," he said, "the attendance at basketball games was poor. I hope that this year the students will find how much fun can be had through supporting the team and coming to the games full of enthusiasm."

Even though the PSAL Games Committee realigned the weaker vocational schools, the hoopsters will still face the same opponents in league competition: Madison, Lincoln, New Utrecht, John Jay, Sheepshead Bay, and Lafayette.

Mr. Kern has already scheduled exhibition games with Midwood, Brooklyn Tech, Port Richmond, Xaverian and Tilden.

division and play in the Brooklyn Championships for the city title. Led by Captain Richard Lipari, the team advanced to the finals, beating the powerful Brooklyn Tech team, but losing a tough match to Sheepshead Bay.

The netmen, coached by Mr. Alfred Joltin, had the toughest season of all the varsity teams. Captain Bob Gillespie won seven out of eight, only to lose to the city champ. The other boys had to win two more matches for victory. They were put into the toughest division in Brooklyn and, unfortunately, lost a few matches by games.

## Miss Markell Stresses Respect, Fairness, Service

By Rosemary Stachowiak

Miss Charlotte Markell, a member of the Girls Health Education, enjoys an active, lively career.

As faculty adviser of the Cheerleaders and Boosters—the girls in blue and white who cheer Hamilton teams to victory—she helps develop the "desirable qualities of tolerance, cooperation and respect."

#### Always Interested in Athletics

Since grade school, Miss Markell has always been interested in athletics. Asked to elaborate on this, she explained: "When I learned something about fundamental skills and games in summer camps and city schools, I decided I would like to help others in the health education field."

Having obtained her degrees at Pennsylvania State University and Columbia, Miss Markell set about teaching others to "participate, grow socially, build a strong character, and develop wholesome interests and attitudes."

#### All Teachers Help

Miss Markell said that all the teachers cooperate to enable students to join in as many activities as possible, and that the Health Education Department tries to develop qualities of leadership in the students. "Of course," she added, "a good leader is also a good follower at times, and a real leader develops in others the

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## Sec. Tr. Students Win Certificates

Certificates of Achievement were awarded last June by the Pitman Commercial Teachers Association to 13 Hamiltonites.

They received this distinction for getting the highest final marks in Secretarial Studies Department subjects. Honored were the following:

Stenography I: Marilyn Ryan, 99. Stenography II: Marjorie Bruzzese, 99; Laraine Genovese, 99.

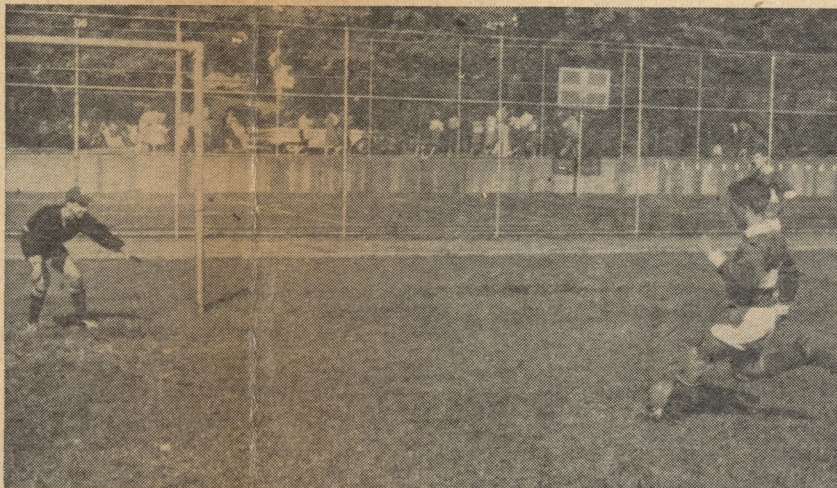
Clerical Practice I: Carol Griffin, 92. Clerical Practice II: Marion La Montia, 90; Pamela Olsen, 90.

Secretarial Training I: Mary Bate-marco, 92.

Typewriting I: Georgia Neamonitis, 99; Janet Johansen, 99; Ellen Nesheim, 99; Sharon Glick, 99. Typewriting II: Pamela Olsen, 95.

Business Machines 1GT4: Barbara Hemion.

## Kicking the Ball Around



Captain Frank Muriello, goalie, prepares to block a kick by Co-Captain Chris La Spina in a recent soccer practice session on the athletic field.

## Teacher Advocates Sound Mind in Sound Body

By Richard Cohen

(Because of the keen enthusiasm expressed in the series of articles by teachers last term, the Pilot is happy to publish other articles from time to time. Mr. Cohen is a member of the Boys Health Education Department.)

How should one "go through" life? Should he live haphazardly or should he have a set of principles to guide him?

A person with principles has something to strive for, a direction in which to go. He doesn't meander aimlessly through the years, only to look back some day and say: "It might have been."

How do you, a teen-ager of today, adopt a set of principles? Do you take them out of the library, pick them up on the street, or see them in a movie?

#### Every Experience Effective

Surprisingly enough, each of these places can play a role in determining your life ideas. Every experience



has its effect on you, helps mold the way you think, act, react, behave, and — I suppose — misbehave! It separates those who can say "I know what I want in life" from those

who say "Well, I suppose."

I'd like to give you one principle that has guided me for many years. Briefly stated, it's "Mens sana in corpore sano," a very old Latin proverb which means "A sound mind in a sound body." To paraphrase an old quotation, I believe that a most useful life can be had by someone who can "live most and serve best." Live for what? Serve whom? Live for many purposes, serve many people—among them your country and yourself.

Have you ever given thought to how a healthy mind and body help make you healthy socially, emotionally, mentally? The matter goes much deeper than washing three times a day or building big muscles for the fellows.

It means enjoying numerous activities, not merely enjoying the absence of disease. It means manifesting an enthusiasm for life, possessing

an ability to express yourself confidently, controlling your emotions. Above all, it means to feel good; to be able start each day fresh and alert, anticipating the work or play ahead, rather than groaning, "Oh, well, here we go again."

#### You Have to Reach

How can one get a sound mind in a sound body? Not by ordering it at a store, not by sitting back and waiting for it to come. Rather, one must reach out, try for higher objectives.

For the body: It's more than eight glasses of water each day and deep breathing exercises at the window before going to sleep. It's more than weight lifting for the boys or dieting

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## Bowling Team Gets Under Way

The bowling team, under the supervision of Coach Harry Flaster, a member of the Shop Department, has begun the fall season.

The team will be led by Captain Richard Lipari, supported by Ray Wojtusiak, Tom Hoey, Ron Zawistowski, and others. Richard has already piloted the keggers for one season.

The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Leemark Lanes on 88th Street and 4th Avenue after school. Mr. Flaster urges boys interested in bowling and possessing some ability to try out for the team.

"Fort Hamilton is a bowling

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## Counsels Students On Employment

Students may obtain the advice and assistance of Miss Cecile Bittkower, employment co-ordinator, regularly on Mondays and Tuesdays, and occasionally on Fridays, in room 123.

On the basis of the employment cards signed by the students at the beginning of the term, Miss Bittkower is first sending for those who indicated that they wanted part-time jobs. Those wanting full-time jobs after graduation will be sent for later in the term.

Students who want special advice or counseling, or who want to take aptitude tests for placement, are urged to make an appointment with Miss Bittkower.

## Booters Off To Good Start; Shave Midwood

The soccer team got off to a fine start this season by tying both Wingate and Brooklyn Tech, 1-1, and by defeating Poly Prep, 2-0, and Midwood, 1-0.

New captain of the booters is Frank Muriello, goalie, supported by Co-Captain Chris La Spina, Igor Stipanovich, Ray Aashien, Peter Klein, Torberg Tonnessen, Otto Jorgenson, Dimitrios Theodorellis, Salomon Mosseri and Harry Evans.

#### Tough Schedule Ahead

Among the newcomers to the team are James Nicholas, Joe Giordano and Ray Nilssen.

This year the booters will be pitted against Lincoln, New Utrecht, Grady, Sheepshead Bay, Lafayette and Brooklyn Tech.

Said Coach Richard Cohen, "We lost seven starters through graduation last June. Because of inexperienced players, we will emphasize close team play."

#### Urges More Team Support

Coach Cohen thinks that many boys who can play soccer well are reluctant to try out for the team. "This apathetic feeling toward our school is amazing. We would really like to have more support at the games. The boys always play better when school spirit is high."

"There is still time to tryout for the team. Practice begins at 3 o'clock on our field and all are welcome."

Mr. Cohen, a former All-American booter, is coaching the team for his second consecutive year.

## Can't Find It? Try Lost & Found

In a moment of forgetfulness a student may find that he has lost or left something behind.

For this reason the library maintains a Lost and Found department. Items may be claimed daily before 8:45 A.M., during period 8, or after school.

Students who find articles are urged to bring them to the library (214) at any time. If the article is unclaimed within two weeks, the finder is entitled to it.

School books, however, are returned to the chairmen of the subject department after two weeks.

Said Mrs. Ella Rodemann, in charge of Lost and Found, "We have a wonderful staff of boys and girls who give freely of their time. Without their efficient help, we would be severely handicapped."

## Netmen to Meet Powerful Foes

The tennis team, coached by Mr. Alfred Joltin, opened its fall season last month.

Supporting Lloyd Sara, captain and first man, are Leif Olsen, Fred Bold, Bob Just, Mike Williams, Howard Schneider and Charles Saydah. These players, with the substitutes, will be the Blue and White standard bearers on the courts.

The netmen will meet powerful opponents in Wingate, Lincoln, Midwood and Brooklyn Tech. Other schools—Tilden, Eli Whitney, Jefferson and New Utrecht—will also test the team's mettle.

Practice sessions, announced in the gym, are held at Delahunt's Tennis Courts, 64 St., between 4th and 5th Aves. Those wishing to try out must have a racket and flat-soled sneakers.

## Budget for Seniors

As a special service, the *Pilot* is publishing the itemized Estimated Budget Expenditures for the class of 1962. These dues must be paid in full by November 20.

Students unable to meet these expenses should see Mr. Alexander Selwyn, G.O. treasurer, in B-62, in confidence.

### Class of 1962 ESTIMATED BUDGET EXPENDITURES (TENTATIVE) Anticipated Register—650

	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Senior
TOWER, net cost after advertising income and sale of soft covered copies	\$4,565.00	\$7.02
Awards	100.00	.15
Senior Pins	202.50	.31
Decorations and Flowers	175.00	.27
Tickets, Programs, Diploma Preparation and Graduation Expenses	800.00	1.23
Social Events and Senior Show	400.00	.62
G.O. Dues for Year	650.00	1.00
Gowns for Commencement	1,880.00	2.89
Administrative Costs, Committee and Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	.62
Class Gift to School and Unanticipated Expenses	600.00	.92
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$9,772.50	\$15.03
Average Dues, Rounded Off to Nearest Dollar		\$15.00

Deadline Dates for Payments:

First Payment, Minimum \$7.00

Final Payment, in Full—Balance

Oct. 20, 1961

Nov. 20, 1961

Submitted by,  
Alexander Selwyn,  
School Treasurer

(Approved by the Senior Council 9/27/61)

## DECA

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onstration.

Honorable Mention: Eddie Seegar—Ad Layout and Copywriting.

Each winner was awarded a DECA pin by Dr. Joseph Gruber, Director of Business Education for the New York City Board of Education. Each contestant also received a certificate of merit, and the participating school a plaque.

### Scholarships Offered

"Many of our contestants have been offered college scholarships for advanced commercial studies, as well as positions with prominent business concerns," said Mr. Berkowitz. "This attests to the ability of our graduates to meet the professional standards set up by industry."

Fort Hamilton has competed ever since its DECA chapter was established five years ago. The school was third in the state and first in the city to charter its club. In that time the number of merchandising and sales classes in the school has increased from six to fourteen.

## File for College By October 31

Students planning to attend college should file applications by October 31 because of a step-up in college application deadlines, according to Mrs. Mary Catania, College Coordinator.

"It is advisable for students wishing to enter college under the Early Decisions Plan to have all forms in by October 1 of their senior year," she added.

The Early Decisions Plan is designed for outstanding students who know which college they wish to attend. The applicant must have above-average scores on his Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests and superior recommendations from teachers and counselors. He may not apply to any other college.

Such applicants will be notified of acceptance by December of their senior year.

## Sec. St. Chairman Back at Her Desk

If you have been in the Secretarial Studies office this term, you probably have seen the familiar face of Miss Sally Van Bokkelen, chairman of this department.

On leave of absence from September 1960 until June 1961, Miss Van Bokkelen worked in the personnel department of the Hanover Bank in Manhattan. Observing high school graduates at work, she was disappointed to find them "lacking in attention to detail and displaying decided weakness in the use of their native tongue."

Miss Van Bokkelen returned to Fort Hamilton with the firm resolution to incorporate as much instruction in English as it is possible to fit into a secretarial training curriculum. "More than ever," she stressed, "I am convinced that every teacher is a teacher of English."

Miss Van Bokkelen is also temporary chairman of the Foreign Language Department.

## Honor Roll

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dah, 93.25; Grace Sgarlato, 93.2; Lorraine Cali, 93; Wanda Jordan, 92.6.

Jean Farbrot, 92.5; Linda Ferretti, 92.25; Virginia Thomas, 92.2; Arthur Servido, 92; Dorothy Pohls, 92; Ruth Nilsen, 91.75; Barbara Miller, 91.75; Richard Epstein, 91.75; Rosalyn Renken, 91.2; Frank Breuer, 91.

Adele Corradengo, 91; Michael Wallner, 90.6; Lorraine Gagliardi, 90.5; Diane Edson, 90.4; Helene Glass, 90.2; James Borrazas, 90.2.

### First Year

Eileen Gallagher, 96; Alan Feller, 93.8; Nancy Bengtson, 93; Jo Anne Russo, 93.

Eileen Cavalleri, 92.8; Nancy Di Paolo, 92.6; Debbie Leichtman, 92; Ellen Harswick, 91.6; Jeannette Gasparino, 91; Ellen Cohen, 90.

## Three Seniors Enjoy Summer Stay at College

By Joan Pozonski

This past summer three of our present seniors had the opportunity of living and studying at three of the best known colleges in the United States.

Susan Dunn went to the Colby College Summer School of Languages, Waterville, Maine, where she studied the most advanced courses in French offered by the school. Although she was the youngest person on campus, "no one seemed to mind at all."

### Intellectual Life Exciting

Susan's course included conversational French, grammar and literature. She especially enjoyed the work done in existentialist literature, and found the intellectual life "really exciting."

Our second ambassador into the college realm was Vicki Halper, who went to Utah State University, Logan, Utah. Vicki's course included sculpture, ceramics, dance, and a great books class. Within five weeks, the students covered Dante's *Inferno*, the *World Bible*, and the works of Plato.

Vicki also took a short tour of the West, enjoyed some beautiful views, and met some very interesting people. "I worked hard," she said, "but it was most rewarding."

### Course in Journalism

Through the efforts of the faculty and graduate students of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, Jane Appel learned what real journalism is like. Jane's course dealt with newspaper and magazine writing. "We also discussed contemporary thought as expressed in various writings."

Jane summed up the impression made on all three. "When we got home and talked to each other, we found we had all loved what we had seen and learned."

## Minutemen Debate World Problems

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that we must build the bulwarks of peace."

The History Club—the Minutemen—believes that this doctrine is important and tries to inculcate ideas of this nature every Monday, in 227, under the direction of Miss Margaret Kelly.

The group is headed by Gregory Christophus, president; Florence Capaldo, vice-president; Marilyn General, recording secretary; and Lois Johnson, treasurer.

"Anyone who is interested in expressing ideas or in exchanging opinions should participate in the club," urged Miss Kelly.

## Mr. Cohen

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every couple of weeks for the girls.

Take long walks, join teams, eat proper foods, get proper medical care. Above all, don't shirk a little physical work, whether it means going down to the grocery store for Mom, cleaning the yard, or even taking some calisthenics during the gym class.

### Nation Needs the Best

Ours is a nation that, of necessity, now needs a generation of mentally alert and physically able men and women, men and women who can "live most and serve best." Think about it. Perhaps my principle of a sound mind in a sound body can become yours too.

## New Bridge to Be Completed in 1965

By Evelyn J. Junge

Every Hamiltonite is familiar with that swath running through Bay Ridge like a scar.

It signifies the Narrows-Verazzano Bridge under construction between Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth, which will be the world's longest suspension bridge when it is completed in 1965.

The bridge will link the parkways and expressways of Long Island, Westchester County and New England with those of New Jersey and other southern and western states. Some 16,300,000 vehicles are expected to use the bridge in its first year of operation.

### Link Idea Not New

The idea of a permanent link between Brooklyn and Staten Island is not a new one. About twenty-five years ago diggings were made for a tunnel, some remnants of which can still be seen in the Owl's Head area. The project was discontinued because it was felt that the entrances and exits would be too unsightly.

About eight years ago the thought of a permanent link was reactivated and plans were made for a Narrows bridge. When Robert Moses, then commissioner, released the news that the planned approach was along Seventh Avenue, an immediate storm of protest was raised by local residents, merchants and legislators.

### Bay Ridge Protests

The uproar resulted in the creation of the "Save Bay Ridge Committee," headed by J. Gerald Shea. This committee, composed of several hundred residents, fought the action for several years with petitions and correspondence to city, state and federal officials, and with rallies at City Hall. It offered three alternate suggestions.

One would have had the bridge originate in the downtown area; another advocated using the extended shore line for the approach; and a third revived the proposal for a tunnel. Although the committee was able to stave off the final decision for four years, its work was in vain.

### Length 13,700 Feet

The total length of the bridge, including approaches, will be 13,700

feet, over 2½ miles. The main span will be 4,200 feet long, about 4/5 of a mile. It will exceed the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, now the world's longest suspension bridge, by sixty feet.

The towers will rise 690 feet above the mean high water. The Brooklyn tower foundation is being laid on the site of old Fort Lafayette in the Narrows, and is expected to be finished in January.

### Named After Early Explorer

The Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge is being named after Giovanni da Verrazzano, an early Florentine explorer, reportedly the first man to sail the Hudson River. The Italian Historical Society played an important part in the selection of the name, over which there was much controversy.

How will the bridge affect Fort Hamilton High School? That's hard to say. One thing is certain, though: it won't be a short-cut to a diploma. Students will still have to study.

## Bowling

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school," said the coach. "In past years our boys have developed into champion players, winning both PSAL divisions and individual honors." Mr. Flaster is looking forward to a great season.

## News Editor Wins In Teen Contest

"Poetry is my favorite mode of literary expression," said prize-winner Susan Hirsch, 4A13.

The *Pilot* news editor expressed her inner feelings in "Transition," a poem published in the July issue of *Ingenue*, a literary magazine devoted to teenage views.

Susan was one of the national finalists in the "Joys and Sorrows of a 1961 Teen-ager" contest.

A one-year subscription to *Ingenue*, a pen and pencil set, and a small sum of money were awarded Susan. Also, pocketbook editions of poetry and literature were given to the school library.

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